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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE: U.S. FORCES IN THAILAND

1. DEMOCRAT PARTY LEADER SENI PRAMOJ TALKED WITH NEWSMEN
APRIL 9 ABOUT U.S. FORCES IN THAILAND. FOLLOWING IS AN UN-
OFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF PERTINENT EXCERPT.

2. BEGIN EXCERPT

REPORTER: REGARDING MAJOR POLICY ON THE ISSUE OF U.S. TROOPS,
I REMEMBER THAT MR. PICHAI RATTAKUN SAID THAT IT WOULD BE
CHANGE FROM THAT IMPLEMENTED BY THE OUTGOING GOVERNMENT. A
REPORT IS BEING SPREAD AT PRESENT THAT THE INCOMING GOVERNMENT
MIGHT REVIEW THAT POLICY.

SENI: THAT REPORT IS MOST PROBABLY BECAUSE OF WHAT I MYSELF
SAID. I SAID THAT THIS ISSUE IS A MOST DELICATE ONE, AND WHEN
I WAS ASKED WHAT ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN I SAID THAT NO DEFINITE
DECISION CAN BE REACHED YET. I DON'T KNOW HOW A REPORT
WAS SPREAD THAT THE SOLUTION MIGHT BE CHANGED. I NEVER SAID
THAT IT WOULD BE CHANGED OR THAT IT WOULD NOT BE CHANGED.

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I POINTED OUT THAT IT IS A VERY DELICATE ISSUE, AND WE MUST

HAVE TIME TO STUDY IT, THAT NO STATEMENT CAN BE MADE ON IT
AT PRESENT. THAT IS ALL I SAID.

REPORTER: BUT THE OUTGOING GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS A
COALITION OF THE SOCIAL ACTION, THE CHART THAI AND THE SOCIAL
JUSTICE PARTIES, CONSIDERED IT PROPER AND SUITABLE...

SENI: THAT IS EXACTLY WHY CONSULTATIONS HAVE TO BE
HELD. IN A COALITION GOVERNMENT, ALL PARTIES FORMING IT
MUST APPROVE JOINTLY OF ANY DECISION REACHED. IN OTHER
WORDS, A WAY MUST BE FOUND FOR JOINT AGREEMENT TO BE
REACHED. END EXCERPT.
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